

#### CHAMPIONS

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# A Message From the Secretary

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) staff. Together, we honor those outstanding employees who have been recognized for their exceptional contributions in fulfilling the Department's vision of the transportation system for the 21st century.

Thanks to the dedication of all FTA employees, especially those we are honoring here today, the transit industry and the various transportation systems we serve will continue to grow, be stronger, more efficient, and more effective than ever before.

Each of today's FTA Award's recipients has, in his or her own way, touched the lives of not only the people in the transit industry, but the public that they serve. They have worked to create better ways of improving transportation systems as well as providing basic mobility for millions of Americans, making the ONEDOT vision of moving America into the 21st century a reality. These employees have earned, and deserve, our deepest appreciation.

President Clinton, Vice President Gore and I deeply appreciate the

vision and vigilance these employees have displayed in working to ensure that our transportation system is ready for a new century and a new millennium. As President Clinton has said, "Now is not the time to rest but to build." This challenge will inspire all of us as we strive to provide to all Americans an opportunity to achieve the American dream.

To all FTA employees, but particularly those honored today, thank you for your distinguished service.

Rodney E. Slater

# A Message from the Administrator

I AM PLEASED TO MARK THIS SPECIAL DAY WITH everyone in the FTA as we celebrate with those who are being honored for their unique contributions toward achieving our vision of "People Moving People Into America's Future."

And, I am proud to say, we are doing it! We are making a difference in peoples' lives across America. That difference is something you may not be aware of, or at least you may not think about it, but it is happening and I could not be more genuinely proud of you and what you have done toward achieving it.

During my recent travels in the Los Angeles area, a group of people from the community who were attending our ceremony spoke with me and expressed what the new transit station means to them. It means hope. "I thought that we had been forgotten" one elderly woman told me as her eyes filled with tears. A transit station brings not only a building, trees and benches, but opportunities, ambition and respect. Now you can apply for a job accross town; now you can take that class at night; now somebody can watch the kids at the child care center. And you and your

neighbors can move ahead. These are real people who are benefiting

from the contribution that the Federal Government is making toward their lives.

So today, as we recognize those with truly remarkable accomplishments, take time to reflect with your co-workers about what you do for America. Your day-to-day tasks may seem mundane; your assignments may be overwhelming and the deadlines unbelievable, but you are helping those who need help. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Gordon J. Linton



# A Message from the Deputy Administrator

HATS OFF TO THE CHAMPIONS OF FTA! TODAY WE

recognize not only you, but everyone in FTA who contributes toward our mission of providing leadership, technical assistance and financial resources for safe, technologically advanced public transportation which enhances all citizens' mobility and accessibility, improves America's communities and natural environment, and strengthens the national economy, in cooperation with our partners, now and into the future.

Our future holds much promise for all of us with challenges in the international arena, creative financing, computer technology, safety and security, new starts planning, grant delivery, and legislative priorities. No one element of this organization, however, is more important than another when it comes to maximizing our most vital component, our human resources. Whether you are in the field or headquarters — you are important.

Whether you track numbers or letters — you are important.

Whether you secure our funds or our supplies — you are important.

And whether you are support staff, a supervisor or a manager — you are important.

As we look ahead to the 21st Century, I know that I can count on you to continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Nuria I. Fernandez

# "Champions of FTA" 1999 Awards Ceremony Order of Ceremony

#### Presentation of Awards

Career Service Awards
Strategic Plan Outstanding Achievement
Diversity Accomplishments
Supervisory Excellence
Making a Difference
Administrative Support
Team Awards
Customer Service Awards

Closing Remarks

Reception immediately following in Room 10236



# Career Service Awards 01/01/99 Through 10/31/99

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

New York Regional Office Brian P. Sterman

Chicago Regional Office Mary J. Campbell

Kansas City Regional Office Judith A. Moretina

San Francisco Regional Office Thelma Lee Wade Seattle Regional Office Elizabeth K. M. Nance-Sier

Office of Chief Counsel
Paul T. Jensen

Office of Civil Rights
Frank M. Billue
H. Cylinda Queen

Office of Budget and Policy
Joseph Grum
Betty J. Holden
Elsie F. McNeal

Office of Program Management
Glen D. Bottoms
Reynaldo B. Casas
Carole A. Ferguson
Carol S. Kerr

Office of Research,

Demonstration & Innovation

Irving Chambers

Office of Administration
Naomi C. Cooper
Kevin R. Inman
Inga R. Reeder
Linda V. Thomas

#### T H I R T Y Y E A R S

Boston Regional Office
Judith A. Molloy

Philadelphia Regional Office Elaine R. Burick

Atlanta Regional Office Leonard J. Lacour Denver Regional Office Charles W. Dolby, Jr.

Office of Civil Rights Beverly E. Phipps Clarissa F. Swann Office of Budget and Policy
Gwendolyn F. Daniels
Yvonne V. Griffin
Stephanie K. Harris
Granville W. Hurley, Jr.

Office of Program Management Douglas A. Kerr Office of Planning Robert W. Stout

Office of Research,

Demonstration & Innovation

Walter Kulyk



# Career Service Awards 01/01/99 Through 10/31/99 (Continued)

#### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Fort Worth Regional Office Lee O. Waddleton Office of Program Management Donna L. Albritton-Hughes Office of Chief Counsel/Office of
Research, Demonstration &
Innovation
Donald R. Durkee

Office of Administration John D. Adams



### The FTA Strategic Plan Outstanding Achievement Award

## In recognition of your demonstrated dedication and significant contributions to the FTA mission to

"PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SAFE, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WHICH ENHANCES ALL CITIZEN'S MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY, IMPROVES AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT,

AND STRENGTHENS THE NATIONAL ECONOMY."

Fort Worth Regional Office
James H. Cox, Jr.

Office of Program Management Kenneth B. Johnson Office of Budget and Policy
Paul L. Marx

Office of Planning Effic S. Stallsmith

### The FTA Award for Diversity Accomplishments

For excelling in efforts to create and maintain a work environment which provides an opportunity for employees to maximize their potential and fully contribute to accomplishing the FTA mission.

Office of Planning
Charles Goodman



### The FTA Award for Supervisory Excellence

In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.

Under your leadership, the office acronym of Teamwork, Action, and Dedication (TAD) has become synonymous with its mission of quality customer service and effective communication.

Office of Administration
Dorrie Y. Aldrich (Honorary)

In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources. Special recognition is given to your important role in promoting the FTA welfare to work initiative.

Boston Regional Office Mary Beth Mello

In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources. Special recognition is given to your work with the FTA Key Station Assessments.

Office of Civil Rights Clarissa F. Swann



### The FTA Award for Supervisory Excellence (Continued)

In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources. Special recognition is given to your longtime commitment to FTA and leadership with the Office of Budget and Policy.

Office of Budget and Policy John W. Spencer (Honorary)

In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.

Office of Human Resources Brenda T. Wilson

### The FTA Making A Difference Award

In recognition of your excellence in clerical and administrative support functions. Your efforts and accomplishments make a great deal of difference to the effectiveness of the Office of Administration.

Office of Administration Gwendolyn K. Alston

In recognition of your excellence in clerical and administrative support functions. Your efforts and accomplishments make a great deal of difference to the effectiveness of the Office of Human Resources.

Office of Human Resources
Millie A. Fields



### The FTA Award for Excellence in Administrative Support

In recognition of your outstanding performance carrying out the administrative support functions in the Office of Program Management.

Office of Program Management Vicki L. Bellett

In recognition of your outstanding performance carrying out the administrative support functions for the Office of Operations and Program Management, as well as others in the Chicago Regional Office.

Chicago Regional Office Brenda J. Douglas

In recognition of your outstanding achievements providing clerical support for the Region 3 staff.

Philadelphia Regional Office Catherine C. Githens

In recognition of your outstanding performance carrying out the administrative support functions in the Office of Planning.

Office of Planning
Tawanna Glover-Sanders

In recognition of your outstanding performance as Grants Closeout Manager and providing general administrative support for the Boston Regional Office.

Boston Regional Office Kathleen M. Teahan



#### The FTA Team Award

In recognition of your exceptional performance conducting an in house review of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program process.

Denver Regional Office

Donald D. Cover

Office of Planning Paul L. Verchinski Federal Highway Administration Byron E. Low Franklin Dee Spann

In recognition of your diligent and tireless contributions to the Department's implementation of the New Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Rule.

Office of Civil Rights
Andre P. Boursse, TRO-9
Gloria D. Dixon, TRO-7
Arthur A. Lopez
Akira Sano
David Solomon, TRO-1

Office of the Chief Counsel

Donald R. Durkee

Trudy B. Levy

In recognition of your exceptional performance creating a single project approach allowing both highway and transit elements to move forward with a 19 mile extension of the existing Denver light rail transit.

Denver Regional Office Allison R. Agliardo David L. Beckhouse Charles W. Dolby, Jr. Louis F. Mraz, Jr. Office of Chief Counsel Susan V. Martin Federal Highway Administration Vincent P. Baron



### The FTA Excellence in Customer Service Award

#### INDIVIDUALS

In recognition of your exceptional customer service to ensure that the Transportation Electronic Award and Management System operates at its full potential to meet the financial and budgetary needs of the agency and the grants management needs of the Regional staff and our grantees.

Office of Budget and Policy
Pamela M. Brown

In recognition of your exceptional customer service working with Cost Center ensuring that the FTA Administrative Account accurately reflects the status of their funds and that the data recorded is valid and accurately recorded.

Office of Budget and Policy Sheila F. Henderson

In recognition of your exceptional customer service to the FTA/FHWA customers in the Philadelphia area.

Philadelphia Regional Office Janet M. Kampf

In recognition of your exceptional customer service and untiring effort to provide training and support for the implementation of the PerDiemazing Travel Management System for all Federal Transit Administration's Headquarters' Offices.

Office of Budget and Policy
Debora Silva Smith



#### INDIVIDUALS (CONTINUED)

In recognition of your exceptional customer service in recommending programs and projects toward achieving the TAD, FTA and DOT strategic goals.

Office of Human Resources
Brenda T. Wilson

#### TEAMS

In recognition of your exceptional customer service as a member of the Third Party Contracting Council by working unselfishly in collaboration and in partnership with internal and external customers.

Office of Administration
Lucy T. Jackson
Reginald B. Lovelace

Office of Chief Counsel
Dorval R. Carter, Jr.
Donald R. Durkee
Nancy A. Greene, TRO-3

Office of Program Management
Marvin Futrell, Jr.
James E. Muir

Denver Regional Office Charles W. Dolby, Jr. Office of the Secretary Robert Taylor



#### TEAMS (CONTINUED)

In recognition of your exceptional customer service to persons with disabilities, the transit industry and the public at large as a member of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complaints Team.

Office of Civil Rights
Eunice M. Brown
Linda C. Craig
Cheryl L. Hershey
Eugene Jenkins
Linda W. King
Sandra Jackson McCrea
Rogelio C. Peralta
Mary Elizabeth Peters
Cynthia J. Phifer
Rhonda M. Reed, TRO-5
D. Michael Virts
Roberta G. Wolgast

In recognition of your exceptional customer service providing orientation/outreach on the Job Access/Reverse Commute program, on-site participation in planning certification reviews, outreach and training on effective public involvement techniques, and working cooperatively on several ONEDOT teams.

Office of Planning
Paul R. Branch
Harriett R. Dietz
Susan E. Grosser
Abbe Marner
Sherry B. Ways



#### TEAMS (CONTINUED)

In recognition of your exceptional customer service in helping FTA customers produce accurate financial reports, ensuring payments are properly recorded, reimbursements are timely, and financial data are accurately presented within financial reports.

Office of Budget and Policy
Jocelyn T. Blue
Charles A. Ferguson
Vivian B. Jones
Marilyn R. Marshall
Edith P. McLamore-Shelton
Elsie F. McNeal
Darwina E. Paige
George F. Young



#### TEAMS (CONTINUED)

In recognition of your exceptional customer service as a member of the Office Automation, Telecommunications, and Networks Team by providing management oversight of highly specialized contracted resources in the dynamic area of information technology support.

Office of Administration
Naomi C. Cooper
Donald J. Higgs
Geraldine L. Gladden
Reginald S. Whitlock



